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**INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATION**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Examiner Chhaya:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Listed for consideration on the attached Form PTO-1449 is a U.S. patent application publication, which was cited in the attached foreign Office Action, mailed May 23, 2008, issued in connection with the corresponding Chinese patent application No. 2005800026509. The U.S. patent publication is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Any relevance of this U.S. patent publication is self-evident.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that the document number JP 6-268162 that was also cited in the foreign Office Action is not being submitted with this IDS since it was already previously submitted, together with its English-language abstract and computer translation, with the IDS filed on April 27, 2006.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed document is respectfully requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and is requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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